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Hoxha Appeals to Moscow for Help
IN CONTROLLING ALBANIAN INTERNAL SITUATION

Albanian emigre forces from Yugoslavia, going to the aid of nationalist Albanian resistance guerrillas, crossed the Albanian-Yugoslav border and attacked Communist security troops. The security forces suffered heavy casualties. One group deserted and surrendered to Yugoslav authorities [date and place unspecified].

According to reliable informants, Mehmet Shehu, Minister of the Interior, is very sick. His illness is extremely mysterious. He has not appeared in public for a month.

Enver Hoxha is nervously trying to control the recent dangerous situation in Albania, but conditions are becoming more serious for the Communists every day. The Tirana government is said to have sent Moscow an urgent appeal for help. According to well informed sources, a report is circulating that the USSR has sent some Soviet technicians and high-ranking officers to Shkoder, Tirana, and Elbasan to study the difficult situation confronting the government and Enver Hoxha.

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